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LEBANON VA OFFERS ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONAL LONG TERM CARE

Lebanon VA Medical Center has been awarded special Federal funding of nearly \$250,000 to expand Patient Centered Alternatives to Institutional Extended Care to qualified Veterans residing in Lebanon County. This award allows the Lebanon VAMC to partner with the Albright LIFE (Living Independently for Elders) Program. The Albright LIFE Program provides a nursing home level of care in an Adult Day Health Care setting.

Services available at the Albright LIFE Center include physician services, nursing care, social work services, rehabilitative services, transportation and escort to the center, and meals while at the center. Albright LIFE also provides services at home that may include 24 hour on-call physician services, home healthcare services, personal care (bathing and grooming), homemaker/chore services, home-delivered meals, adaptation of the home for disability, and family education.

Veterans participating in the LIFE Program will receive the care, close monitoring and the support they need to delay or prevent traditional nursing home care. Christopher Hoffman, LCSW, Chief of Social Work Services at the VA medical center in Lebanon states, "We are thrilled to be able to provide Veterans alternatives to traditional institutional settings. This partnership with Albright LIFE will allow more Veterans to stay in the homes which they love without compromising their medical care."

For more information on this service, please contact Deborah Bishop, RN, Community Care Nurse Manager, 717-272-6621 ext. 4365

The Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers in the Nation whose sole purpose is to provide world class medical care to America's Veterans.

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